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In re Application of:  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 29, 2002**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

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This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed July 29, 2002, for which the response date is October 29, 2002.

No fee is believed due as a result of the response contained herein. However, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2070.004500.

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.